

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**I. Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102 and §103**

In the subject Office Action, claims 1, 3, 10 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Ramet. Claims 2, 4, 11, 13, and 16-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being anticipated by Ramet.

Claims 5-9, 14-15, 24-25, 29, 30 and 31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims.

II. Amendments

In response to the subject Office Action, Applicants amended independent claim 1 to incorporate dependent claim 5 and independent claim 10 to incorporate dependent claim 14; hence, these claims have been rewritten to be allowable in a manner indicated by the Examiner.

Independent claim 19 was amended to include the same additional recitations of claims 5 and 14 as were include in independent claims 1 and 10, respectively. In other words, claim 19 includes all of dependent claim 24, except for the recitation of the first and second blocking capacitors. When this recitation was moved to dependent claim 30 by Applicants in the prior response, Applicants inadvertently failed to remove it from dependent claim 24. Also, dependent claim 23, although an intervening claim between claim 24 and 19, was duplicative of the recitations in dependent claim 24, which have been included in independent claim 19 by way of this amendment.

Additionally, claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 22, 23, and 24 were canceled.

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V. Conclusion


In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit claims 1-3, 6-12, 15-21, 25, and 29-31 are in condition of allowance. Early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted

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